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451 CONFEDERATION LIFE BUILDING, TORONTO.

On the call of the members of the Religious Education Association resident in Toronto a meeting, in its interest, was held in the University Y.M.C.A. building at 4 o'clock in the afternoon on Monday November 17, 1913. Rev. John W. Graham B.D. was appointed Chairman and A. J. W. Myers, Secretary.

The Chairman read letters of regret for absence from President R. A. Falconer, G. Oswald Smith, Dr. Norton, Provost Machlem, Dr. Neil, J. W. H. Milne and others.

The Chairman after a brief statement of the purpose of the meeting called upon Dr. Frederick Henry Cope, of Chicago, Secretary of the Religious Education Association. Dr. Cope briefly sketched the work of the Association since its organization in 1902, outlined its aims and concluded by pointing out the advantages of organizing the Canadian membership.

The question of a Canadian organization was then discussed by Prof. Gilmour, Dr. R. D. Fraser, Dr. Hardy, Rev. E. W. Halpenny, Dr. Bryans, Mr. Merrill and others. It was then moved by Rev. E. W. Halpenny, seconded by Dr. Bryans that a Canadian Committee of the Religious Education Association be formed, for the purpose of increasing the membership, securing a larger representation from Canada at the Annual Conventions and deepening the interest in Canada in the work of the Association. This motion was carried unanimously.

Thereupon President R. A. Falconer was appointed Chairman and A. J. W. Myers, Secretary-Treasurer of the Canadian Committee.

It is expected that leaders in religious and educational work all over Canada will be secured as members of the Committee and to this end a nominating Committee with power to act, was chosen consisting of the Chairman, Secretary, Dr. R. D. Fraser, J. W. Graham, Frederick Tracy, and Rev. R. A. Hiltz. Dr. Cope promised that, in the meantime, one dollar of each three dollar fee of new members, would be returned to the Committee for payment of necessary expenses.

The meeting was concluded with prayer by Dr. Fraser.

Chairman.

Secretary.

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President R. A. Falconer,  
Toronto University.  
Dear Dr. Falconer:-

Nov. 26, 1913.

At a meeting of the Toronto members of the Religious Education Association held in the Univ. Y.M.C.A. on Nov. 17 it was decided to form a Canadian Committee of the R.E.A. of which you were appointed Chairman. It is proposed to secure the names of prominent men in Religious and Educational work all over Canada for this Committee. To this end a nominating Committee was appointed. This Committee should meet very soon. <sup>Please</sup> ~~If you~~ will let me know what time will be most convenient for you, I am sure the members would gladly meet in your office if that would suit you best. I am usually out of the city Thurs. until Sun.

Enclosed you will find a copy of the minutes of organisation meeting. Trusting these for you soon I beg to remain,  
Yours truly,

A. J. W. Myers.

November 27th, 1913

Rev. Dr. A. J. W. Myers,  
451 Confederation Life Building,  
Toronto.

Dear Dr. Myers:

Some day next week at twelve o'clock in my office  
we might meet for the purpose of nominating members of the Canadian  
Section of the R. F. A. When you return to town will you telephone  
to my office and we can make arrangements as to the day?

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

January 26th, 1914

Rev. A. J. M. Myers,

451 Confederation Life Building,

Toronto.

Dear Dr. Myers:

I should think that Archbishop Mathieson of Manitoba would be an excellent nominee for the Board, if he will accept. I do not know who should take Chancellor McGrimmon's place. Professor Gilmore is a very good man. It might be well, however, for them to suggest some one themselves.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

May 23rd, 1914

Dr. A. J. W. Myers,

Confederation Life Building, Toronto.

Dear Dr. Myers:

I shrink from the responsibility of having to make arrangements for bringing the Religious Education Association Convention to Toronto in 1916. In December 1915 the University is entertaining the American Association for the Advancement of Science. There will be perhaps 2000 visitors here on that occasion, and it will involve a year's preparation by Committees. It will be very difficult for me to be in any way responsible for another big convention which would meet here three or four months afterwards, in March 1916. Of course if others will take the responsibility for all the organising and allow my connection with it to be purely formal I should not have the same difficulty. I presume that if the Association is invited here the burden will be thrown on the Canadian Committee. It is undoubtedly a matter for serious consideration before a reply can be given in the affirmative.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.